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1. CENTRAL PRESS JULY 24 CARRIED MID-YEAR RESULTS ON AGRICULTURE WHICH REFLECT INCREASING CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, BUT AS ANTICIPATED, DECREASED OUTPUT, PARTICULARLY MEAT, MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS, BUTTER AND VEGETABLE OIL, MAINLY DUE POOR 1975 CROPS.

2. FOLLOWING IS JANUARY-JUNE OUTPUT OF SELECT CONSUMER COMMODITIES AND MIXED FEED WITH PERCENTAGE OF SAME PERIOD 1975.
BREAKDOWN OF SOURCE DATA PROVIDED BY US-USSR SECRETARIAT.

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	QUANTITY 1/	QUANTITY 2/	PERCENT OF SAME PERIOD IN 1975
MEAT	3,373(000)	3.6(MIL)	82
BUTTER	578(000)	579(000)	96
WHOLE MILK PROD	11.8(MIL)	11.9(MIL)	96
VEGETABLE OIL	1,232(000)	1.3(MIL)	76
DRY MILK	154(000)	--	--
SUGAR	2,306(000)	--	--
(FROM SUGAR BEETS)	174(000)	--	--
MIXED FEEDS	21.2 (MIL)	23.8(MIL)	108

1/ FROM STATE RAW MATERIAL RESOURCES.

2/ TOTAL INDUSTRIAL, INCLUDING PRODUCT PROCESSED FROM NON-CENTRALIZED SOURCES.

3. LIVESTOCK PRODUCT PRODUCTION REPORTED LOWER BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT FEED, PARTICULARLY GRAIN, BECAUSE OF LAST YEAR'S UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

4. LIVESTOCK NUMBERS ON STATE AND COLLECTIVE FARMS AS OF JULY 1, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS TO JULY 1, 1975 ARE AS FOLLOWS: (IN MILLION OF HEAD) 1975 STATISTICS WERE NOT PUBLISHED IN CURRENT PRESS REPORT.

	JULY 1	
CATTLE	1976	1975
CATTLE	87.7	86.6
OF WHICH COWS	27.8	27.5
HOGS	46.5	55.6
SHEEP AND GOATS	140.3	146.8
POULTRY	506.1	573.3

5. STATE PROCUREMENT OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS 1976 WAS LOWER IN ALL CATEGORIES REFLECTING LOWER LIVESTOCK NUMBERS AND DECREASED PRODUCTIVITY. PROCUREMENT DATA UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE AS FOLLOWS (1975 AGAIN WAS NOT INCLUDED IN CURRENT MID-YEAR REPORT):

	JANUARY-JUNE	
	1976(MILLION TONS)	1975
MEAT AND POULTRY (LIVE		

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WEIGHT)	6.6	7.8
MILK	27.1	28.8
	(BILLION UNITS)	
EGGS	17.3	18.9

6. SPRING SEEDING PLANS REPORTEDLY FULFILLED. TOTAL SOWN AREA ALL CROPS REPORTED AT 217.3 MILLION HECTARES, OF WHICH GRAIN AND PULSES 131 MILLION (EQUAL TO 1975). PLANTINGS REPORTEDLY INCREASED ON IRRIGATED AND RECLAIMED LANDS.

7. TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT FROM GOVERNMENT AND COLLECTIVE FARM EARNINGS REACHED 13.1 BILLION RUBLES, REPORTEDLY FOUR PERCENT OVER FIRST SIX MONTHS 1975. IRRIGATION AND LAND RECLAMATION PROJECTS RECEIVED 2.9 BILLION RUBLES, VERSUS 2.8 IN 1975. (TOTAL CAPITAL INVESTMENT REACHED 43.9 BILLION RUBLES -- WITH AGRICULTURE'S SHARE EQUALLING 30 PERCENT).

8. AGRICULTURE RECEIVED 127,000 TRUCKS AND SPECIAL LORRIES, 178,000 TRACTORS, 45,000 GRAIN COMBINES, 5,200 CORN HARVESTERS, 5,800 POTATO PICKERS, 6,900 BEET DIGGERS, 25,000 SILAGE CUTTERS, 4,000 COTTON PICKERS, 15,000 HAY BALERS, 108,000 SEED DRILLS, 58,000 MINERAL AND ORGANIC FERTILIZER SPREADERS AND OTHER MACHINES. IN MOST INSTANCES THESE WERE ABOVE YEAR EARLIER DELIVERIES.

9. AGRICULTURE RECEIVED 37.3 MILLION TONS OF MINERAL FERTILIZERS DURING FIRST SIX MONTHS 1976 -- 1.8 MILLION TONS MORE THAN SAME PERIOD 1975. CHEMICAL FEED ADDITIVES TOTALED 1,397,000 TONS -- 252,000 TONS MORE THAN 1975. PLANS FOR FERTILIZER AND MACHINERY DELIVERIES REPORTEDLY FULFILLED; HOWEVER, UNDERFILLMENT REPORTED FOR CHEMICAL FEED ADDITIVES AND MILKING PARLORS.

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10. FROM GOVERNMENT AND COLLECTIVE FARM EARNINGS NEW LIVESTOCK FACILITIES OPENED IN LAST SIX MONTHS TO HOUSE 600,000 CATTLE, 400,000 HOGS, 870,000 SHEEP AND THREE MILLION POULTRY. FROM STATE RESOURCES NEW ESTABLISHMENTS OPENED TO HOUSE 800,000 LAYERS AND PRODUCE 3.1 MILLION BROILERS ANNUALLY. ELEVATOR STORAGE COMPLETED FOR 800,000 TONS GRAIN AND OTHER STORAGE FACILITIES TO HANDLE 164,000 TONS MINERAL FERTILIZER, LIME AND HERBICIDES.

11. DOMESTIC FOOD TRADE SHOWS BREAD (105), POTATO (106), FISH (112), MARGARINE (117), BUTTER (107), VEGETABLE OIL (106) AND CHEESE (109) SALES INCREASED OVER JANUARY-JUNE 1975 WHILE SALES MEAT (99), MILK (95), FRUITS (88) AND VEGETABLES (90) DECLINE. EGG AND SUGAR SALES WERE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO YEAR EARLIER LEVELS. (ABOVE NUMBERS ARE IN PERCENT).

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